

**East Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2019**

Present: Betsy Burns, Milissa Hirst, Dennis Ray, & Samantha Uyeno
Guests: Janet Burgoon (resident), Rusty Strauss, & Mark Connolly
Staff: Michelle Rubin

Meeting started at 7:06pm

Minutes from the March meeting were approved without changes.

New Business

1. New Vacancy—Zachary Rubinich
 - Michelle informed the EAC that Zach has chosen to step down due to increased commitments at home and work. There are now three vacancies on the EAC.
2. Summer Solstice Event 6/22
 - Mark Connolly informed the EAC of an upcoming event happening in Kimberton Park. The EAC is invited to attend.
3. May Board of Supervisors Report
 - The EAC discussed topics for the report, Milissa will present
4. Kimberton Fair
 - The EAC discussed having a table at the Kimberton Fair again.
 - The EAC would like to have a table with information—not sure if they want to be at it this year, but would like to have handouts
 - Milissa will look into contact info from extension to see if we can partner with them (SLF?)
 - Rusty suggested that the EAC follows up with the fair to see how their recycling program is going and get a recycling report if available.
 - Milissa will reach out to Karen and ask about successes and challenges (bins, signage, etc.) and see if there's anything the EAC can help to support.
5. Bird Walk 5/11
 - Michelle reminded the EAC that the guided bird walk is coming up. Dennis will attend, other committee members are busy.
 - Michelle asked French Creek Outfitters to donate binoculars so there will be some available for the walk.

Old Business

1. Shred Event 5/4
 - Milissa and Betsy will split the shift at this community event
2. Tree Planting along the French Creek Trail
 - Betsy has helped the Park and Rec. Board with placement of the trees and other planning. If EAC members are available they will help.

3. Ready for 100 Updates/Resolution
 - Mark reported that Schuylkill just passed their resolution and Charlestown is in discussions. Chester County is the epicenter nationally, 10% of communities have signed on.
 - Many EAC members commented on the document this week, but as it was right before the meeting they didn't have time to get through the notes. As such, the EAC is not ready to finalize this month, but they will discuss in a separate meeting next month.
4. EAC Conference: Saturday, May 18
 - Dennis and Michelle will attend are report back
5. EAC newsletter
 - Ideas: Rain garden follow up. Include Spotted Lanternfly information Dennis sent
6. Bird Town USA
 - Schuylkill and Phoenixville both have the designations. The EAC will reach out to them to discuss struggles and suggestions. Betsy will reach out to Schuylkill
 - Samantha proposed that the EAC is strategic about the start date and that they have a plan for year two before starting year one.

Public Comment

- Michelle shared what she learned at the Pennsylvania Park and Recreation Society Conference about green stormwater infrastructure. The most important things to make sure the Township has covered and planned are maintenance and education.
- Milissa made a motion to appoint Janet Burgoon to a vacancy on the Environmental Advisory Council. Motion seconded by Dennis. Passed unanimously. The recommendation will be sent to the Board of Supervisors and approved at the May meeting.

Adjourned at 8:35pm